

A PIONEER GONE.

Sudden Death of a Noted Californian

CAPTAIN W. F. WASEY COMES TO THE COAST VERY EARLY.

And Becomes a Maker of History of the State in Early Days.

Captain Wasey Dead.

The sudden death of Captain W. F. Wasey at San Francisco yesterday, takes away another of the old pioneers of California. The oldest pioneer living around the bay that we can call to mind is now George W. Vincent who came to this coast in 1842.

Captain Wasey was one of the most familiar figures among the old pioneers born in Bath, Me., in 1823, he started in 1845 with a man named Ide to lead a company of gold-seekers across the plains to California. The party was known as the Ide-Wasey expedition. The men arrived in California on September 25, 1845. During the tumultuous days following the ceding of California by Mexico to the United States, Captain Wasey served as General Fremont's staff in the capacity of Assistant Commissary. The Captain was the last survivor of General Fremont's staff. Captain Wasey was the last United States Marshal for California, prior to the admission of the State to the Union. He was at Monterey at the raising of the American flag and he was one of the little band who saw the American colors go up at the western outpost of the continent.

For a number of years immediately following his arrival in the State the Captain was a clerk at Sutter's store, near Sutter's Mill. At the breaking out of the war he enlisted in a California regiment stationed at Benicia and served until the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox. While in the army he attained the rank of Captain by which title he was known the remainder of his life.

For many years the Captain was a notary public. Later on he engaged in the real estate business, but during the last few years the Captain has led a comparatively retired life.

A few years ago Captain Wasey wrote a book entitled "Early Days in California," in which he recorded much that was afterwards used by historians in writing the history of the State. In Bancroft's "History of California," the writer makes frequent reference to Captain Wasey's book.

The Captain was a member of the Society of California Pioneers, by whose funeral will be conducted. While no definite arrangements have been made for the funeral, it will probably take place from Pioneer Hall tomorrow.

The Captain was 73 years old and had been ailing for several days. He leaves a widow and four children, all of whom reside at 263 Octavia street, San Francisco.

Superintendent of Streets Guy H. Chick has gone to Los Banos on a hunt for jacks. Hope he will get lots of 'em.

Rev. S. C. Keetch, pastor of the Golden Gate Baptist Church, and Mrs. Keetch, are spending the Christmas holidays with friends in Napa.

Sheriff McKenzie of Yuba county was in town Thursday. He extended a few invitations to the select party he is going to give on Jan. 25th, 1897 when the convicted murderer Brown will give life for life. All in one act.

Mrs. Lydia L. Center was found dead yesterday morning in her bed at the Grand Western House, West Oakland. She lived with her husband, Moses Shattuck Center, who is known as a newspaper writer. The coroner is not satisfied as to the cause of her death and will hold an inquiry.

The printing house of Francis, Valentine & Co. and Buswell book bindery were destroyed by fire yesterday at San Francisco. A fireman by the name of Roger McCabe was seriously injured by falling from the roof of the building. The cause of the fire is supposed to be negligence on the part of some one connected with the establishments.

Summit & Zeller are the leading hardware merchants in Berkeley, Shattuck block.

THE COAL MINES.

Work to be Resumed in Corral Hollow Mines

Work at Corral Hollow

By the first of the new year the big coal bunkers at the Corral Hollow coal mines will have been completed, and the work of mining the coal will then begin in earnest. After the railroad was completed to the mine from Stockton the building of the bunkers was begun. They are 240 feet long, 75 feet wide and 60 feet high. The coal is dumped into these bunkers and it is automatically sorted into the various grades that are put upon the market.

The cars from the mouth of the mine run down an inclined track with the aid of a cable. They are automatically tripped over the bunkers, and the coal is allowed to drop without breaking it greatly. Another cable takes them back to the mouth of the mines.

The big Corliss engine is almost in place, and but little work remains to be done upon this part of the mine. This engine will furnish all the power used in the mine for operating the cars.

The mine-owners say that they will put 2,000 men at work at once, and will add another thousand in a very short time. They will operate the mine day and night, and will run three shifts of men, 700 in a shift. This will employ 1,200 men. It is figured that the pay roll of the mines will be \$180,000 a month.

The people of Livermore are looking forward to this with great interest.

Lorin

A special Christmas song service will be held at the Park Congregational church, tomorrow night at 7:30 p. m. Some hard work has been done in practicing and it is expected that something very nice will be given. Those wishing a seat should go early as a large number is expected. A. T. Sutherland, Director.

Mrs. E. Snell of San Francisco, was the guest of Mrs. A. B. Dixon of Lorin on Christmas day.

Mrs. R. Spence, who has been sick for some time past is now improving rapidly.

St. Matthew Episcopal church will hold a Christmas tree Wednesday evening next.

Park Congregational church—Service at 11; Sunday school at 12:30; Jr. Y. P. S. C. E. at 4; Sr. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30; evening services at 7:30. L. H. Hood, pastor.

German M. E. church—Sunday school at 9:30; preaching at 11; evening praise at 7:30. Rev. Schultz, pastor.

St. Matthew Episcopal church, Sunday school to end and preaching at 11. L. D. Randolph, pastor.

The Christmas evening entertainment at the First Presbyterian Church at West Berkeley on Thursday evening was very largely attended. A fine program was carried out by the children. It consisted of instrumental and vocal music and recitations. The Christmas tree was amply filled with presents for all. The ladies of the church had elaborately decorated it for the occasion. Joy and happiness reigned supreme.

A slight scrimmage is reported to have taken place on University avenue at West Berkeley yesterday afternoon, resulting from Christmas recreation. As no arrests were made it has been found very difficult to get any reliable particulars.

Married in Berkeley at the home of the bride, on December 24th by the Rev. Robert Bentley; Henry R. Patterson and Lettie J. Grainger, all of Berkeley.

Although it has been heretofore mentioned, there is no harm in saying that there will be a masquerade ball in Sistrina Hall on New Year's eve. The Harmony Club will have charge of it.

Doctor Robertson's sanitarium, located at Livermore, was destroyed by fire on Thursday. None of the invalids were injured although there were some narrow escapes.

The Press Club of San Francisco has issued the following invitation: "We respectfully ask that you join us in paying our last respects to the late Miss Kate Field. Funeral services at Trinity, corner of Brush and Gough street, Sunday, December 27th at 2 o'clock."

ENGAGED.

Fred W. Koch and Amanda Krenz Agree TO JOIN HANDS IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND BECOME ONE.

Graduates of the University They Conjugated and Will be Conjugal.

Notable Engagement.

The most notable engagement in university circles which has taken place in many months is that of Fred W. Koch, 66, one of the best known track athletes west of the Rocky Mountains, and Miss Amanda Krenz, a recent graduate of widespread popularity.

Miss Krenz lives in Napa, while Mr. Koch, whose home is at Escondido, San Diego County, is teaching science at the Merced High School.

Every effort was made to keep the betrothal a secret until the prospective bride and groom were prepared to announce it in the regular manner, but despite their desire to keep it quiet it went out and soon spread like wildfire throughout the community.

What adds special interest to the engagement is the fact that the groom to be, while in college, earned out more student honors than any one for many years, besides being a prominent member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, while the prospective bride, being affiliated with the Kappa Alpha Theta Society, completed the classical course in three and a half years. Koch also completed his course in three and a half years, having taken the degree of S. L. S. in January, while Miss Krenz received the degree A. B. only last Tuesday.

What gives Koch a special place among the graduates of the institution is his wonderful athletic record, having won during his course thirty-nine gold and silver medals, besides being captain of the California team which went East in May, 1895. During their trip he carried off more honors than any other two men on the team. In his freshman year he was elected "Bourdon president," which is considered the highest class honor at the University and he successfully conducted the obsequies attending the burial of Bourdon and Mintz in one of the hardest-fought class battles ever carried on at Berkeley.

Throughout his course he was identified with nearly every movement of interest to the student body. Having won fame as a student and an athlete when it came to the selection of a man to lead the Berkeley team against the Eastern cracks Koch won the place handsomely. The remarkable feature of his athletic ability was his fitness for so many different events. In ordinary field days, he would enter the quarter-mile, half-mile, high jump, shot put and broad jump. For a time he held the university records in all of these events.

His records of 30.3 seconds for the quarter-mile and 2 minutes 15.5 seconds for the half-mile remain unbroken on the coast today.

After graduating from the university he spent several months of special study in the department of botany, when he received the position he now holds. No date has been definitely announced for the wedding, but it is understood that it will take place either in spring or early summer.

Don't Forget

That in order to have a happy Christmas there must be candy and cream, and at Greenwood's Candy Parlor you will find everything in this line to suit your taste. A full line of baskets, boxes, etc., for young and old. Don't forget that our prices are as low as Oakland and San Francisco and our goods better.

Mr. Clarence Eddy played upon the largest organ on the American Continent now located in St. Ignatius church, San Francisco to the edification of a house packed with admirers of this instrument particularly when under the control of a master hand.

The Christmas party given by George Schmidt to his little friends at West Berkeley was a success and he feels as happy over it as the children who attended. Each boy and girl received three presents. This is in evidence of the host's liberality.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Places Where Our People May Worship Tomorrow

Sunday Services.

Golden Gate Baptist Church, service Sunday December 27th as follows. In the morning at 11 a. m. President Brownson of California College will preach. In the evening at 7:30 Rev. B. L. Hudson will officiate. Sunday school after morning service. Young people's meeting at 6:30. The Synagogue will hold a Christmas tree entertainment Tuesday evening, December 29th.

There will be services at the West Berkeley Methodist Church at 9:45, preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Eye of the Soul." Prayer and experience meeting at 5 o'clock, class meetings at 6:30. Preaching at 7:30 by the pastor, Rev. Carl Warner. There will be "Watch Night" services at the church the last night of the old year.

Presbyterian church, West Berkeley corner of Bristol and Eighth streets. Rev. James Hunter, Pastor. Services and preaching by the pastor tomorrow at 11 o'clock, a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. "The Heavenly Spots," will be the subject of the morning discourse, and "The Divine Child," the theme of the evening. Special music by the quartette. All are cordially invited to these services.

St. Mark's Episcopal church, Bancroft way between Ellsworth and Dana streets. Holy Communion 7:30 a. m. Sunday School 9:15 a. m. Morning service and sermon at 11 a. m. evening prayer and sermon 7:30 p. m. The Christmas music will be repeated during the morning service and some of the carols will be repeated during the evening service.

Christmas services will take place in South Berkeley Hall tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. F. J. Akers will preach in the morning, taking for his text, "The First Christmas." In the evening there will be a song service.

Trinity M. E. Church services on Sunday, Rev. R. Bentley, D. D., pastor. Public worship at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 12:30 p. m. Junior League at 4:30 p. m. Epworth Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m. and praise service at 7:15 p. m. Subject for morning sermon, "Personal Dedication to God."

Blood Spilled

At about 11 o'clock this forenoon a difficulty occurred at West Berkeley in which Charles Schram and Abelard Sistrina were the principal parties. It appears that Charles Schram of the West End Market, got tangled up financially last week and an attachment was put on the butcher shop on University avenue and Fifth street, occupied by him.

Charles Schram was placed in charge of the property. As stated above at about 11 o'clock Abelard Sistrina walked into the room which is occupied as a kitchen. It is supposed that on account of some previous difficulty he had gone into the room for the purpose of having an altercation with Schram as there was no other business which would call him to the place.

Anyway a rough and tumble racket occurred and Sistrina was thrown on to a plate of glass and as it broke he got cut and bled a considerable. It led to the idea that he had been cut with a knife but parties who examined into the matter and informed our reporter, said that the wounds were caused by broken glass. We hear that Sistrina's father has sworn to a warrant for the arrest of Schram and if that is so it may come into the Court when full testimony will be taken in the case and all the facts will come out.

Sudden Death.

Alfred L. Tubbs, president of the Tubbs Cordage Company, died suddenly at the Palace Hotel at 9 o'clock this morning. Death was due to heart failure and came with but slight warning. He was 69 years of age and a brother of Henry Tubbs of East Oakland. He at times had been in political life and was always identified with the good interests of the country and State. His circle of acquaintance was large and his loss to the community will be sadly felt.

WANTED—Three unfurnished rooms with board for small family, east of R. R. track. Address: Mrs. D. J. Berkeley P. O.

STILL KICKING.

Four Teams Engage in Rough Work.

THE BUTTE TEAM SCORES A VERY CLEAN GAME.

While the U. C. Boys in an Ordinary Game Make a Winning!

Football Games.

Football players, from away up in Butte, Montana, descended upon San Francisco yesterday like a hawk on a dove cote and got away with the home pigeons without having to use all of their force. It seemed evident very quickly after the game opened that the home team was over-matched. While the latter was quick in action the resisting force was not sufficient to overcome the heavy weights of the North.

AN OLYMPIC



There were a large number of spectators present and the game was enjoyed notwithstanding the defeat of the Olympics who had the sympathy of the majority of lookers-on. The result of the game was 18 to 0 in favor of the bold mountaineers.

Another game of the same species was played at Los Angeles yesterday with a different result as far as the home club was concerned. About 2,000 people had congregated on the grounds of our Southern city to witness the play between the University of California team of Berkeley and the athletic team of Los Angeles.

Forcible tactics were in use by the Berkeley and with it the southern team met its defeat. The game as reported by some of the experts was not up to that high standard of "playing which" was exhibited in the Butte-Olympic game played at San Francisco. The captain of the Athletics considered that his team achieved a victory in preventing the U. C. boys from making 18 points instead of 14, the result of the game being 14 to 0 in favor of the Berkeley team.

A Lobster.

A lobster is reported to have been found in Oakland creek. Some doubt is raised concerning the story, as the lobster is said to be twenty years old and only three inches long. This longevity is too great for the crustacean. We have no doubt, however, but what lobsters will be caught in San Pablo Bay and about Sausalito where the water does not get too fresh for them to live in.

Simple Addition.

A mercantile house in the East who has taken an immense quantity of Government stamps in payment for goods announces that customers who purchase twenty-five cents worth can have them, according to color, for twelve and thirteen cents.

For Sale.

Four cows, one horse and cart, chickens, two hoppers, and one plow, apply corner Bristol and Fifth street, H. Thies, Dec. 26, 1896.

ORATORS ANGRY.

The U. C. and Stanford Orators Wrench the Oyer Meeting Place.

College Orators.

Speaker R. H. Kubottom of the Students' Congress is preparing for a lively contest with the representatives of the Stanford debating societies next week when they meet to arrange for the spring intercollegiate debate. The reason for his action is that the Palo Alto debaters insist upon holding the next contest at San Jose.

The old agreement between the two Universities governing the intercollegiate debate expires the 1st of January, 1897; and there will be a joint meeting of the representatives of both institutions to decide upon new regulations.

The Stanford Students have been worked up to a high pitch of excitement because they fear they may lose the next debate through the sympathy of the audience and judges for the blue and gold heroes. The State University won the debate last year.

"The Daily Palo Alto," the organ of the student body at Stanford, has just uttered a strong appeal to the cardinal debaters not to lose the forthcoming contest, as then the California men may well say that Stanford is strong as to brains, but is not the equal of the State University students' worth as to nerves.

Speaker Kubottom of the State University Students' Congress says that the blue and gold will meet here for an instant to a meeting at San Jose.

Trinity Church.

There will be a meeting of the ladies of the church on Tuesday 2:30 p. m. and a meeting of the official board Tuesday evening. Watch night services on New Year's Eve; program, sermon, testimonies, and praise.

This church union will unite with other affiliating churches of Berkeley, in observing the week of prayer beginning on the evening of Sunday, January 13th, and continuing during the week each evening in the Presbyterian Church. This will be followed by special services in the church of which due notice will be subsequently given. A choir will assist the pastor.

Patterson—Grainger

On Thursday evening the intimate friends of H. K. Patterson and Lettie Grainger assembled at the bride's residence, 1422 Milvia street, North Berkeley, to witness the marriage ceremony which was performed by the Rev. R. Bentley, D. D. August Vollmer was the best man and Annie Sullivan the bridesmaid. The couple were attended by two pages, May Grainger, niece of the bride, and Master Roger Wilson.

The rooms were very handsomely decorated with potted plants, running vines and cut flowers. The wedding ball was placed in the east bay window and underneath it the bride and the groom pledged their sacred vows.

Immediately after the congratulations were over the company sat down to an elaborate wedding dinner. Soon after Mr. and Mrs. Patterson passed on board of the train for San Francisco where they remained over night and this morning they departed for the South.

The wedding presents were quite numerous, consisting of silver, cut glass, china ware and other articles of useful nature, besides numerous ornamental pieces of blue-brain.

They will return on Sunday evening to North Berkeley and for the present will reside with the bride's parents. Both Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have resided in Berkeley for the past seven years.

Death.

Mrs. George Edwards, 2530 Dwight way, daughter of the late Mrs. Coll died last evening at about 8 o'clock. Notice of funeral hereafter.

The funeral of Elizabeth Russell, age 9 years, one month and one day, daughter of Frank and Caroline Russell of Catherine street took place this afternoon. Interment in Mountain View cemetery.

The South Berkeley Sunday School will hold its Christmas entertainment on Tuesday evening, December 29th, in South Berkeley Hall. Exercises by the children. The feature of the evening will be the arrival of Santa Claus in an airship. A small admission will be charged to pay expenses.

LOOK'S BAD.

A Suspicious Character Taken to Jail.

PATROLMAN BROWN ARRESTS A MAN AT NORTH BERKELEY.

And on the Way to Prison Discovers That His Man Has a Knife.

A Suspicious

Last evening a man who gave the name of Robert Johnson was discovered at about 10:15 o'clock prowling around Oxford street, North Berkeley, by Albert Brown, the night watchman in that section of the town. On asking him some questions Officer Brown did not receive satisfactory answers and he placed the man under arrest and took him to Dwight way on the 11 o'clock local train, for the purpose of going to Oakland on the electric car.

While walking along to the train the officer noticed the man playing with his hands in a suspicious manner. On being asked what the trouble was Johnson replied that he had a scratch on his hand. Brown became suspicious, and stepping back a short distance, ordered the prisoner to throw up his hands. He did so, and as he raised his hands a large knife dropped to the ground. Brown then ordered him to move along and picked up the knife. Two charges were placed against the prisoner, one of vagrancy and the other of carrying a concealed weapon.

Yesterday's Races.

There was a big crowd at the Oakland Trotting Park yesterday and the sport was fine. The events were as follows:

First race, 5-8 of a mile; purse—Ezekiel, 8 to 1, first; Defender, 6 to 1, second; Sis Beatrice, 10 to 1, third. Time 1:02 1/4.

Second race, 1 mile; purse—Red Glen, 6 to 1, first; Woodchopper 6 to 1, second; Herminia, 5 to 1, third. Time 1:42 1/2.

Third race, 3/4 of a mile hurdle handicap—Applinas, 5 to 1, first; Candearia, 3 to 1, second; Estaca, 30 to 1, third. Time 1:15 1/2.

Fourth race, 1 1/2 mile; purse—Bel lionso, 2 to 1, first; Good Times, 4 to 1, second; Patchette, 6 to 1, third. Time 3:15 1/2.

Fifth race, 2 3/4 of a mile; purse—Fort Clark, 6 to 1, first; Haymarket, 7 to 5, second; Hello, 3 to 1, third. Time 2:09 1/4.

Sixth race, 5-8 of a mile; Goulet Champagne handicap; purse—Sly, 3 to 1, first; Celosa, 4 to 5, second; Rieple, 30 to 1, third. Time 1:01 1/2.

Christmas at St. Mark's Church.

The decorations at St. Mark's Church under the skillful direction of Mr. John Houseman were very beautiful, redwood boughs transposed the sanctuary into a bower of foliage, ferns and holly and white flowers with candles and electric lights, all combined to form a most enchanting picture.

About a hundred people were at the early morning service which was without music.

At the main service of the day at 10 o'clock the church was completely filled. The large choir entered from the front doors singing "O Come all ye Faithful," the music throughout was most inspiring and beautiful. Over a hundred remained to Holy Communion and the whole service was one long to be remembered.

Christmas Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mercier residing at 2127 Cedar street, North Berkeley entertained their friends last evening at their residence. About twenty persons were present and sat down to an elegant dinner table at 7:30 o'clock. Pleasant conversation, toasts and fine music along with the viands made the time pass unconsciously by.

The case of Otto Funder came up today in Justice Lord's court when he was to appear for sentence. It appearing that Mr. Funder was confined to his room by an attack of pneumonia and was being attended by Dr. Eganman the rendering of sentence was postponed until such time as Mr. Funder was able to appear in court.

DOUBLED UP.

Generosity of Thomas H. Williams of the Jockey Club.

Doubled Up.

Thomas Williams, president of the California Jockey Club seldom lets his right hand know what his left hand is doing. A few days ago some ladies working in behalf of charity called upon him for assistance. He wanted to know in what way he could do something for his fellow men which would not be ostentatious. One of the ladies said that there were six charitable associations which wanted pecuniary assistance and suggested that he give fifty dollars to each one of them. "All right," said Mr. Williams, "give me a list of the societies and I will think the matter over."

The result of the interview was that on the next day each one of the mentioned charitable associations were in receipt of Mr. Williams' check for \$500. He doubled the amount asked for and this gave assistance to twice as many people as would otherwise have been benefited.

Hermann Sons.

Last evening members of the Hermann Sons gave the little children a Christmas party in Sistrina Hall. There was a Christmas tree handsomely decorated with candles, bonbons and sparkling tinsels and fairly loaded with presents for the little ones.

Trustee Hoff opened the exercises with a short address on the Christmas holiday and afterwards introduced Santa Claus who was impersonated by Claus H. Trentier who carried out the character in fine shape making a great deal of fun and enjoyment for the youngsters.

After the presents were distributed the tree was put up for sale all hands taking a chance to win it. Ticket No. 1 held by H. Penning was the successful one.

Oakland Theater.

Under the management of J. S. Halstead, the lessee of the Oakland theater everything connected with it is conducted in first class style. No smoking, drinking or vulgarity will be tolerated on the premises. New talent is constantly being procured. Mr. Halstead intending to make the house the most attractive pleasure resort in Oakland.

Tonight will be the last performance given by the Mahara minstrels who have proved to be the drawing card during the week.

On Monday evening next there will be a grand array of vaudeville talent which has recently come from abroad. Among them we find Johnson and Landin, two European athletes who have become famous in their own country; the only Travels, assisted by Mlle. Travele, master showdow of the world; Miss Rosa Clemence, soprano queen; the great Brinson, king of the wire; the Harty sisters, up-to-date serio comics and mirror dappes; Lamento, the human snake and Charles Ora and Bell Herb, famous in songs, dances and funny hits. This combination will afford an evening's entertainment worth while attending.

That's Wright.

Many things occur on Christmas Day and evening which bring happiness to the friends. The surprising of friends by making them presents when they were not expected, as well as when it might be thought that some day a gift would be presented. It has not been our fortune to meet any happier man in Berkeley than Jack Wright of the Golden Sheaf Bakery. Our information from him in relation to the matter was, "it was ten minutes of twelve o'clock and a girl." That told volumes in itself and his friends are today extending their hearty congratulations to Jack, but to the wife and mother, not forgetting the Brownie.

Real Estate Transfers.

Thos. and Annie Ayden to Frank Hemental, portion of lot 45 Villa Homestead Association tract.

Same to John Randrid, west 1/2 lot 46 and east 1/2 1/2 feet being lot 45.

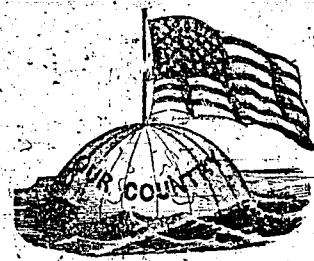
Jacob J. and Julian Raurer to Richard J. Groh lots 15 and 16 Potter's tract.

C. D. Potter to W. A. Ryan lots 53, map of Potter tract.

C. E. Potter and Frank Cushman to lots 54 and 55 map of Potter tract.

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THE DAY AFTER.

Christmas comes, and Christmas goes, we tell our tales and you hear our woes, are words which follow the old song which we give the credit of having jingled the ideas. I like a great many other sophistries it fails when the proper application is not made.

For present use there should be no tale of woe. In all Christian land this especial day is made use of for the purpose of making the social world happy. The idea is a grand one and there is probably no other ideal doctrine carried out so generally as doing unto others as you would have others do unto you, as on Christmas Day. It is a day of the holiest sentiment from the above fact.

With this proposition in view we cannot deduce a logical conclusion that from its observance any tales of woe can truthfully come from it.

In order to make the day what it should be there has developed the idea of having a surplus fund. We mean, by that the people as a rule will lay by some money, be it large or small, for the purpose of a friendly use as well as for personal purposes.

To do this all other matters have to become secondary. It is the moving of the previous question and it must be acted upon and a definite conclusion carried out.

Yesterday followed along in the same line as hundreds of Christmases have. There was a prodigious display of the historical tree covered with the thousand and one articles destined to carry joy into the hearts, more particularly of the younger generation, and thus instill into their minds practically what is proper to be carried out in after life.

The weather in California was of that beautiful kind, which has always caused our people to boast of so much and which we are proud of. Heads of families proceeded to the market places where goods of all kinds are disposed and there made their purchases as their choice, and length of purse might dictate. With baskets filled they wended their way homeward to prepare the setting for the feast and festivity.

The warm hearts provided to a great extent for the happiness and comfort of those who were less fortunate than the prosperous man, and thus was the kindness and happiness of the world balanced up as much as possible.

And from millions of throats there went upwards the prayer of thankfulness and good will toward men.

This is as it should be and if the occasion could happen enter the world would be better for it. We are glad when the day comes and sorrowful when it has gone and on this last little fringe may sometimes be weaved a tale of woe which is only a heaven to the lost.

A WEEDING MACHINE

There has never been a time when the inventive genius of our country is more needed for practical use than at present on what might be considered a very old idea. Whenever there is an assembling of Congress or State Legislature the embryo legislator seems to be impregnated with the idea that the world needs reforming and destiny has placed that duty in his hands to perform.

Each and every individual whether in the upper or lower branch of legislation does consider that he is placed in the position to introduce bills, which are intended to become laws, that will improve the world, generally. Acting upon this idea the little grains of sand assume hills of large proportions and bills are as plenty as leaves on the trees. What is wanted now is some

kind of an invention which will take out all the weeds and allow the main pr ducts an opportunity to ripen and be of use.

It has been suggested by experienced parties—that it should be the first duty of the incoming Legislature to appoint a committee of moderate size to which all new bills should be referred and on their report action or non-action should be taken. It would save a large amount of time and money.

We merely suggest this idea of a weeding machine, and think that Brother Melick of the 70th district, who is a practical man, can work upon the idea and give the country some thing that will be good for it and be a monument of fame to the discoverer.

STAMPS AND PROGRESS.

Very few people realize that the purchasing of postage stamps puts any figure in a town's progression, but it does. Stamps go very fast in a community where the mail is made as much use of as it is in Berkeley.

We use stamps because we use the mail and we use the mail because we are educated people. There is no town in the State of California which uses the same number of postage stamps in proportion to the number of inhabitants as in this University town. It is a very creditable showing and gives us a good name abroad from this fact alone.

Now, where progression and stamps go hand in hand, is in this way: Among the written or unwritten laws of the Postoffice department there is one which is to the effect that whenever a postoffice shall dispose of a certain amount of stamps during any year that place shall be entitled to have appropriations made to erect a Government building therein for postoffice purposes. Alameda and Woodland have already reached that stage, and other places are very near the goal. Now what we want the citizens of Berkeley to do during the incoming year is to purchase all of the stamps used by them at the home office. If they will do that the desired amount will surely be taken. Congressman Hilborn assures us that just as soon as he can be assured of the fact he will introduce a bill in Congress appropriating a sufficient amount of money for the erection of a building that will not only be useful but ornamental to the town. We shall then be able to look with pride upon the fact that Berkeley is among the list of government classified cities.

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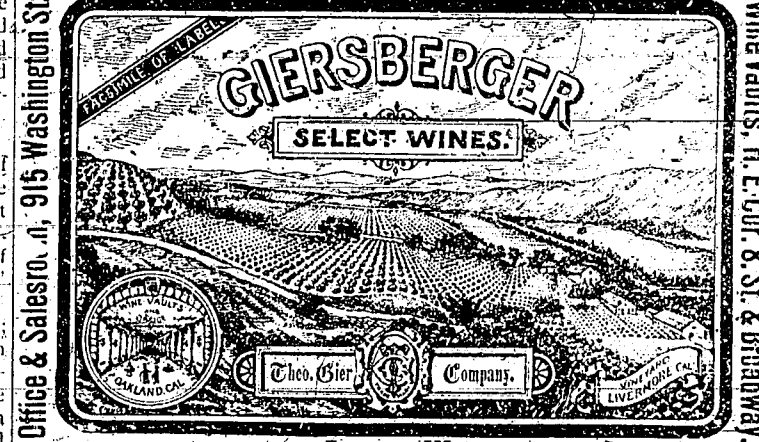
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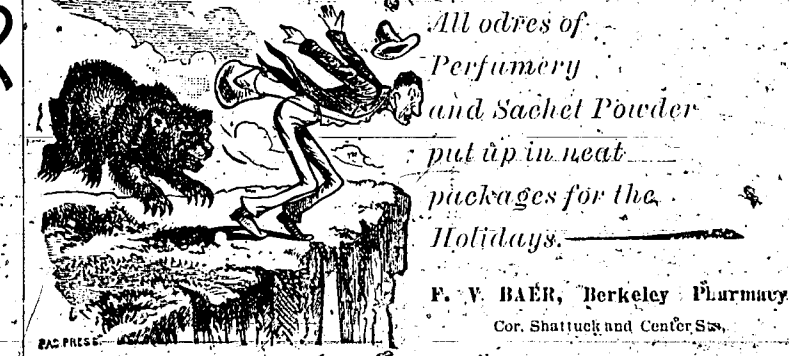
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